

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: The Comprehensive Voting Rights Protection Act of Florida

Ballot Summary: This amendment ensures that no Florida citizen may be denied the right to vote based on race, ethnicity, religion, language, education, gender, sexual orientation, criminal conviction or sentence, incarceration, legal financial obligation, or any related ground. The only exceptions are no person convicted of terrorism, treason, or voter fraud, and no person adjudicated to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Amends Article VI, Section 4

Full Text of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment: SECTION 4. Disqualifications.-

(a) No citizen of Florida shall be denied suffrage, and such right shall not be abridged on account of race, ethnicity, religion, language, education, gender, sexual orientation, criminal conviction or sentence, incarceration, legal financial obligation, or any ground related thereto. The only exceptions are no person convicted of terrorism, treason, or voter fraud in this state or any jurisdiction of the United States shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights and no person adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be qualified to vote until removal of disability.

~~(a)(b) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.~~

~~(b) No person convicted of murder, or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.~~

(c) Incarcerated individuals who were Florida citizens immediately prior to their current incarceration, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, shall register through the Florida Division of Elections and vote shall be cast through absentee ballot in the county of last residence.

~~(e)(d) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:~~

- ~~(1) Florida representative,~~
- ~~(2) Florida senator,~~
- ~~(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,~~
- ~~(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,~~
- ~~(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or~~
- ~~(6) U.S. Senator from Florida~~

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that office for eight consecutive years.

(e) This amendment shall take effect one year from the date it is voted into law.

Initiative Information

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